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1. MISSION REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SOAMES FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR CHRISTOPHER: THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW OF YOUR CONCERN OVER THE EFFECT WHICH CERTAIN DECISIONS BEING TAKEN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE POSSIBLE DUMPING OF IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES ON THE U.S. MARKET, ARE HAVING ON THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF U.S./EC RELATIONS. AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 PROVIDES EXPLICIT PROCEDURES WHICH WE MUST FOLLOW IN THESE CASES. THESE PROCEDURES AND THE LAWS THEY IMPLEMENT MUST PERFORCE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER WHAT OFFICIALS MAY PERSONALLY WANT TO DO IN THE ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY AREA.

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2. I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEGAL MACHINERY PROVIDES FOR A FULL, FAIR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF SUCH PRACTICES AND PROVIDES EFFECTIVE ASSURANCES THAT UNWARRANTED OR UNJUSTIFIED ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN. WE VIEW

THIS EXERCISE OF PUBLIC PROCEDURES FOR SETTLING DISPUTES OF THIS NATURE AS PREFERABLE TO ARBITRARY AND CLOSED DOOR ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS IN BEHALF OF THEIR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.

3. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO SEE THAT ALL CASES ARE HANDLED IN THE MOST PROMPT, EFFICIENT AND FAIR MANNER POSSIBLE. IN ALL INSTANCES, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE AVENUES FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTION AND TO MAINTAIN THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED OVER THE YEARS. WE WILL USE WHATEVER FLEXIBILITY IS AVAILABLE TO US IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PRESERVE OUR RELATIONSHIP. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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